

United States District Court  
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

LAMARCO TREASE BELL

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

Case Number:

MS-11-508 Ser

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about December 7, 2011, in Hennepin County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant, having previously been convicted in 2001 of the felony offense of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, knowingly and intentionally possessed, in and affecting interstate commerce, a Taurus Millennium .40 caliber handgun

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

8 Dec. 2011 1:30 at

Date

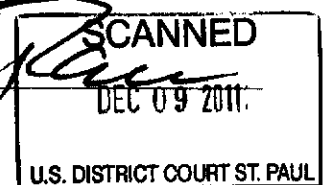
The Honorable Steven E. Rau  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name &amp; Title of Judicial Officer

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Signature of Complainant  
Travis Ocken  
DEA

St. Paul, MN  
City and State

Signature of Judicial Officer



STATE OF MINNESOTA     )  
                                      ) ss. **AFFIDAVIT OF SPECIAL AGENT TRAVIS OCKEN**  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN     )

I, Travis Ocken, being duly sworn under oath, state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and have been so employed since August 2009. I am currently assigned to the Minneapolis-St. Paul District Office, charged with investigating drug trafficking and money laundering violations under Titles 18 and 21 of the United States Code. I have received 16 weeks of specialized training in Quantico, Virginia pertaining to drug trafficking, money laundering, undercover operations, and electronic and physical surveillance procedures. Before becoming a DEA Agent, I was employed by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department for approximately five years. In my capacity as a DEA Agent, I am responsible for the enforcement of the laws of the United States of America, including laws relating to drug enforcement.

2. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a Complaint against Lamarco Trease BELL charging him with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1). BELL has a February 6, 2001 federal conviction in the District of Wyoming for Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana. BELL was sentenced to serve 33 months incarceration and 4 years of supervised release. The information set forth in this Affidavit is based on discussions I have had with other law enforcement agents, as well as my own personal knowledge.

3. In September 2011, members of the Drug Enforcement Administration Minneapolis/St. Paul District Office and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms began investigating the drug trafficking activities of Lamarco Trease BELL. Based on information obtained during this investigation, agents applied for a state search warrant for (1) BELL's residence, 2141 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota; (2) BELL's motor vehicle, a black, 1994 Chevrolet Caprice, Minnesota registration 507BRV (hereinafter "the Caprice"); and (3) BELL's motor vehicle, a black, 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix, Minnesota registration NZD171 (hereinafter "the Grand Prix"). On December 6, 2011, the Application and Supporting Affidavit was presented to and signed by Hennepin County District Court Judge Robert Small.

4. On December 7, 2011, agents established surveillance outside BELL's residence, 2141 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Agents observed BELL and an unidentified male exit BELL's


residence and get into the Grand Prix. BELL was observed operating the Grand Prix as he and the unknown male departed the area. At the direction of case agents, a marked Minneapolis Police Officer initiated a traffic stop on the Grand Prix. Federal Agents then approached the Grand Prix and identified themselves. Agents advised BELL that he was not under arrest and that they had a State Search Warrant for the Grand Prix and for BELL's residence. Agents further explained to BELL that they wished to speak with him regarding an on-going drug investigation. BELL acknowledged and agreed to accompany agents back to his residence. BELL and the Grand Prix were transported to BELL's residence.

5. Upon case agents arriving back at BELL's residence with BELL, agents executed a search warrant on BELL's residence, 2141 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a result of the search warrant, agents located a .40 caliber Taurus Millennium Pro PT140, serial number SXH10357, handgun. Agents determined the firearm was loaded, with one .40 caliber round in the chamber and nine additional rounds inside the inserted magazine. The firearm was located in the upstairs northeast bedroom. This bedroom was initially found to be locked with a "Master" padlock. The key to the padlock was later located on BELL's person. Additionally, inside the residence and the northeast bedroom where the firearm was located, agents located personal and residential documents with BELL's name and address printed on them. Distribution amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine, and marijuana, as well as approximately \$3,000 in cash also were found in the same bedroom.

6. The firearm previously has been transported in interstate commerce as it was manufactured in Brazil.

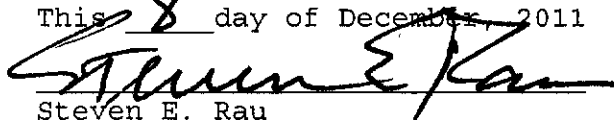
7. Based on the above information there is probable cause to believe that Lamarco Trease BELL has committed the offense of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1).

Further Your Affiant Sayeth Not.

  
Special Agent Travis B. Ocken  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
United States Department of Justice

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to Before Me

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011

  
Steven E. Rau  
United States Magistrate Judge